

GEAUGA PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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Geauga Public Health

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER & ADMINISTRATOR

Throughout 2022 Geauga Public Health (GPH) saw many changes. Changes that impacted all of us, both employees of GPH and residents of our great county. Changes that impacted our residents no matter the job they hold or the title after their name. Prior to any of these changes the GPH staff ensured that at the core these changes would protect the residents and be of benefit to the residents. A few of the important changes that occurred at GPH in 2022 are:

- Approval and Creation of the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Program
 - This program will bring GPH into the State of Ohio compliance and will likely be the largest program ever undertaken by GPH.
- Discontinuation of the For Sale of Property program (FSOP)
 - This program would have been a duplication of the O&M program and, in essence, would have charged Geauga residents twice for the same service.
- Worked with Geauga Planning Commission to Change Lot Split Regulations
 - Officially approved in January 2023, GPH worked diligently with Geauga Planning Commission to better serve the public through reduction in fees for lot splits greater than 5 acres. This change should save homeowners who perform a lot split thousands of dollars.
- Website and Social Media Brought to the Forefront
 - GPH has worked diligently to increase transparency and provide more information to the public through our website and social media. Our new website which will go live in 2023 will allow residents to find information much quicker.
- Fee Reductions
 - GPH evaluated its fee structure and found areas that allowed fee reductions through efficiencies that were made throughout the year. These fee reductions did not impact the level of service provided but did reduce the burden put on the community.
- Offering ServSafe Classes
 - GPH hosted its first ServSafe class in many years for a fellow agency at the new Geauga County Administrative building. GPH will continue to host these classes which ensure that local agencies and business who need this service can find it in Geauga and not travel to another county.
- Contract with Ohio EPA (OEPA) for Parkman Water Wells
 - Worked with the Parkman Trustees and resident Mike Derifield to obtain a grant to replace certain wells in Parkman Township that were impacted with salt contamination.

As we move into 2023 and look forward into the future, I see a GPH that is becoming more efficient, more customer focused at all levels, striving to provide the best services possible to the public, and a Board of Health that is invested in protecting the community and ensuring that GPH is a good steward of the tax dollars that the residents of Geauga have provided.

The Board of Health, GPH staff, Health Commissioner Dr. Jeffery Cameron, and I would like to thank our community partners and elected officials who have helped to make what was accomplished this year a possibility. The GPH staff, County Commissioners, County Prosecutor James Flaiz, County Auditor Charles Walder, and Chief Deputy Administrator at the Auditor's Office Frank Antenucci were all vital to ensuring that GPH was able to take steps to better serve the public and continue to be an agency that works for the people of Geauga County.

Thank you,



Adam Litke



Dr. J. Jeffery Cameron, Health Commissioner



Adam Litke, Administrator

OHIO BUCKLES BUCKEYES



2022

1 Education Event Attended
16 car seats distributed
2 booster seats distributed

11 car seat checks
conducted



Picture of the car seat check event that took place at Maple Leaf Plaza in September 2022.



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Picture of OBB table at the Metzenbaum Center Fun Friday event. Educational materials were distributed, and car seat checks were conducted upon request.

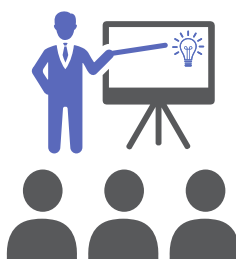


PROJECT DAWN

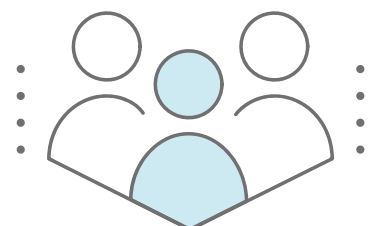
Project Dawn is an overdose education and naloxone distribution program. Naloxone is a medication that can reverse an overdose caused by an opioid drug.



281 naloxone kits
distributed



13 Naloxone trainings
conducted



Participated in 8
community outreach events

SAFE COMMUNITIES



Geauga Public Health Safe Communities Coalition works to use data to save lives and reduce injuries through collaboration among state, county, and local partners. Safe Communities participates in multiple community outreach events throughout the year in Geauga County.



Safe Communities Click It or Ticket Golden Ticket Kick-Off Event. This was attended by Health Educator: Magaly, Director of Nursing & Population Health: Carol, and Health Administrator: Adam in collaboration with the OH State Highway Patrol.

2022

Attended 19 community events

2022

234 Golden Tickets, provided by donations from local businesses, including:

- Coffee Corners - Burton
- Pulp Juice Bar - Chesterland
- Maggie's Doughnuts - Chardon
- Coffee Works - Chesterland
- C's Cafe - Middlefield
- Dairy Queen - Middlefield



Picture of the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Kick-Off Event that was attended by Health Educator: Magaly, in collaboration with: OH State Highway Patrol, Chardon Police, City of Chardon, and Ohio Traffic Safety Office.



Picture of Health Educator, Magaly, providing education about Safe Communities at one of the local high schools along with community partners: OH State Highway Patrol, AAA - OH, Ohio Department of Transportation.

SAFE COMMUNITIES



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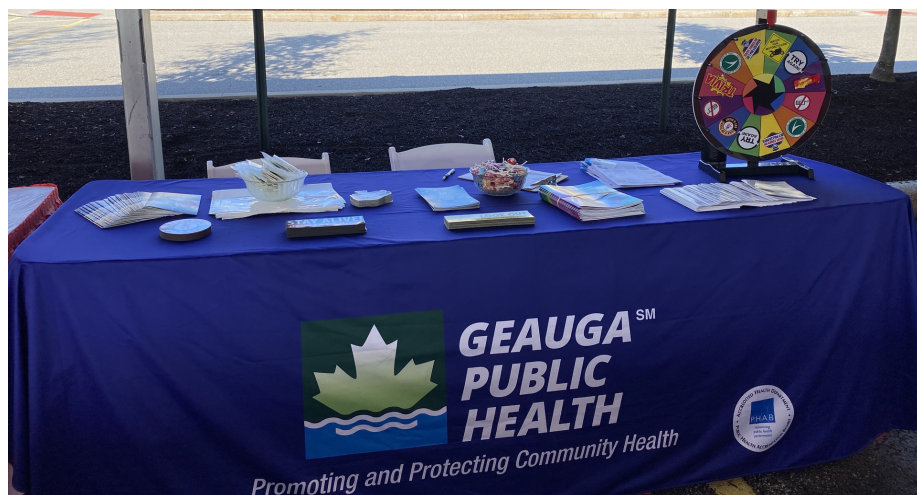
3 Educational Tables
Hosted by Chardon HS,
Cardinal HS, and West
Geauga HS.



Picture of Health Educator, Magaly, providing education about Safe Communities at one of the local high schools along with community partners: Ohio Traffic Safety Office, Ohio Department of Transportation, OH State Highway Patrol, and Chardon Schools Resource Officer.



Picture of the Safe Communities table at one of the local high schools cafeteria.



Picture of the Safe Communities table at the UH Health Day.

2022

4 fatal review
meetings conducted
with community
partners

2022

2 Kick-off Events Held:
May - Click It or Ticket
August - Drive Sober or
Get Pulled Over

2022

1,331 Educational
Materials Distributed



COMMUNITY OUTREACH & EDUCATION



Picture of the GPH table at the Nature & Arts Fest, hosted by Geauga Park District, where educational materials about mosquitoes and ticks along with the tick pick kits were distributed.

2022

Assisted with the
Educational Service
Center of the Western
Reserve (ESCWR) Fun
Day at Berkshire
School



Picture of the GPH table at the Caveman Crawl, hosted by Geauga Park District, where educational materials about mosquitoes and ticks were distributed, and free blood pressure checks were provided.

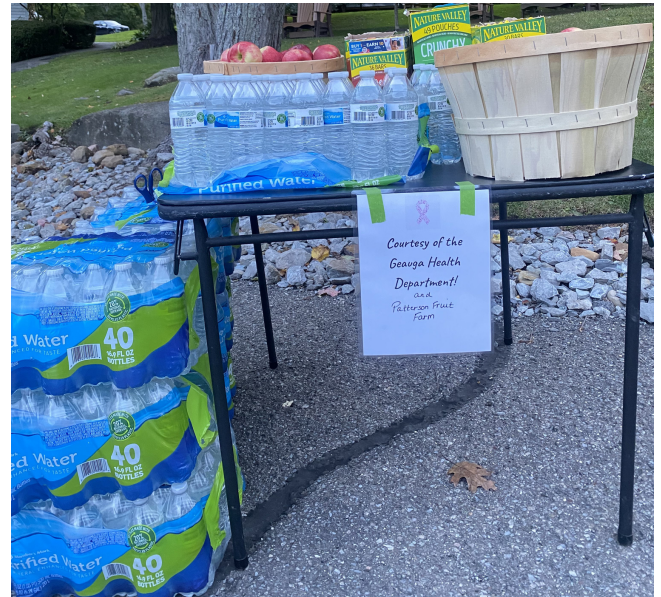


Picture of the GPH table at the Geauga County Fair, where various educational materials, tick pick kits, Deterra bags, and stress balls were distributed.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & EDUCATION



Picture of the GPH table at the Senior Fair Resource event, where educational materials and Deterra bags were distributed.

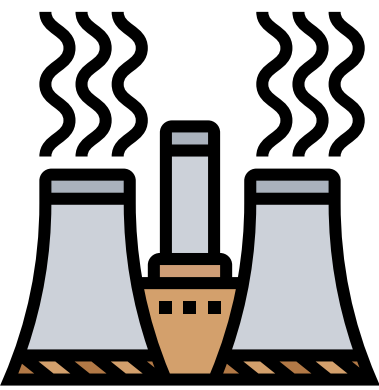


Picture of the Race for Awareness 5K for Breast Health, where GPH sponsored the event by providing water and snacks.



Picture of the GPH table at the Hikes & Bikes event hosted by Chardon Tomorrow. Educational materials were distributed as well as a GPH Raffle Basket.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DRILLS



Participated and attended 2 County and Regional Exercises:

- Perry Nuclear Power Plant
- Active Shooter Drill



VACCINATIONS

TB Skin Tests: 54 tests conducted

COVID-19 Vaccines	Number of Doses Administered
J&J	28 doses administered
Pfizer	598 doses administered
Pfizer Bivalent Booster	33 doses administered
Moderna	503 doses administered
Moderna Bivalent Booster	148 doses administered
Total	1,310 total doses administered

Other Vaccines Administered:

410 total doses administered.

DTaP, IPV, Hib, Hep B:
Accounted for 15.1% of vaccines administered

Pneumococcal PCV 13:
Accounted for 16.8% of vaccines administered

Clinics	Number Clinics Held
Immunization Clinics	5 - Middlefield
	7 - Chardon
Well Child Clinics	4 - Middlefield
	4 - Chardon
Adult Immunization Clinics	5
COVID-19 Clinics (walk-in & appointment clinics)	67

CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL HANDICAPS PROGRAM (CMH)

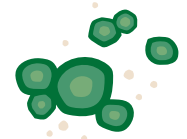
CMH promotes early identification, diagnosis, and treatment of children with special health care needs. Geauga Public Health assists with identifying Geauga County children with special health needs, informing families about the program, and referring children to CMH providers for diagnosis. All of the Geauga Public Health nursing services are approved for every child in the program. There are 3 main components of this program: Diagnosis, Treatment, and Service Coordination.

2022

81 Children in Treatment
28 Children in Diagnosis
46 clients contacted by
GPH



REPORTABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASE SUMMARY



In 2022, there was an increase in communicable disease cases reported to Geauga Public Health compared to those reported in 2020.

Campylobacteriosis

Cases of Campylobacteriosis stayed stagnant between 2022 and 2021, with 25 cases in 2022. Campylobacteriosis is a foodborne illness caused by a bacteria. It is spread by contaminated foods such as: milk, chicken, turkey, etc.

Campylobacteriosis can be prevented by:

- Wash your hands with soap and water
- Keep raw poultry away from other foods
- Cook poultry to the right temperature (165°F)
- Drink pasteurized milk
- Do not drink untreated water

Influenza-Associated Hospitalization

Cases of Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations increased from 1 to 34 between 2021 and 2022. Influenza is a contagious viral respiratory infection.

Influenza can be prevented by:

- Getting the recommended annual vaccination against influenza
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick
- Covering your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing
- Washing your hands often
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Practice other good health habits

Giardiasis

Cases of Giardiasis increased from 5 to 11 between 2021 and 2022. Giardiasis is a foodborne and waterborne illness caused by a parasite. It is spread by coming into contact with contaminated foods or water sources.

Giardiasis can be prevented by:

- Practice good hand hygiene
- Avoid water and food that might be contaminated

Hepatitis B

Cases of Hepatitis B increased from 9 to 16 between 2021 and 2022. Hepatitis B is a vaccine-preventable liver infection caused by the Hepatitis B virus. It is spread by contact with contaminated bodily fluids.

Hepatitis B can be prevented by:

- Getting all the vaccinations in the Hepatitis B series
- Wash your hands with soap and water after any potential exposure to blood
- Avoid sharing sharp items such as razors, nail clippers, earrings, or body rings

Disease	2022	2021
Campylobacteriosis	25	22
Chlamydia	138	159
Coccidiomycosis	0	1
COVID-19	5935	9654
Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease	0	0
Cryptosporidiosis	3	2
Cyclosporiasis	1	1
E. Coli, Shiga Toxin-Producing	2	6
Giardiasis	7	5
Gonorrhea	25	28
Haemophilus Influenza Bacteremia	0	1
Hepatitis A - Acute	2	2
Hepatitis B	16	9
Hepatitis B - Perinatal Infection	0	0
Hepatitis C - Acute	1	0
Hepatitis C - Chronic	55	40
Hepatitis E	0	0
Influenza-Associated Hospitalization	34	1
Influenza-Associated Pediatric Mortality	0	0
LaCrosse Virus Disease	0	1
Legionellosis	2	4
Listeriosis	1	1
Lyme Disease	23	22
Malaria	0	0
Measles	0	0
Meningitis - Asseptic/Viral	1	2
Meningitis - Bacterial (Not N. Meningiditis)	0	1
Meningococcal Disease	0	0
MIS-C	0	2
Mumps	0	1
Mycobacterium Other than TB	0	0
Pertussis	3	3
Psittacosis	0	0
Q Fever	0	0
Salmonellosis	6	11
Shigellosis	2	1
Spotted Fever Ricettsiosis	0	0
Streptococcal - Group A Invasive	11	5
Streptococcal - Group B Newborn	0	1
Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrom (STSS)	0	1
Streptococcal - Invasive Pneumonia	4	2
Syphilis	3	2
Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS)	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	0
Varicella	5	4
Vibriosis	0	0
West Nile Virus	0	1
Yersioniosis	0	1
Zika Virus Disease	0	0

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

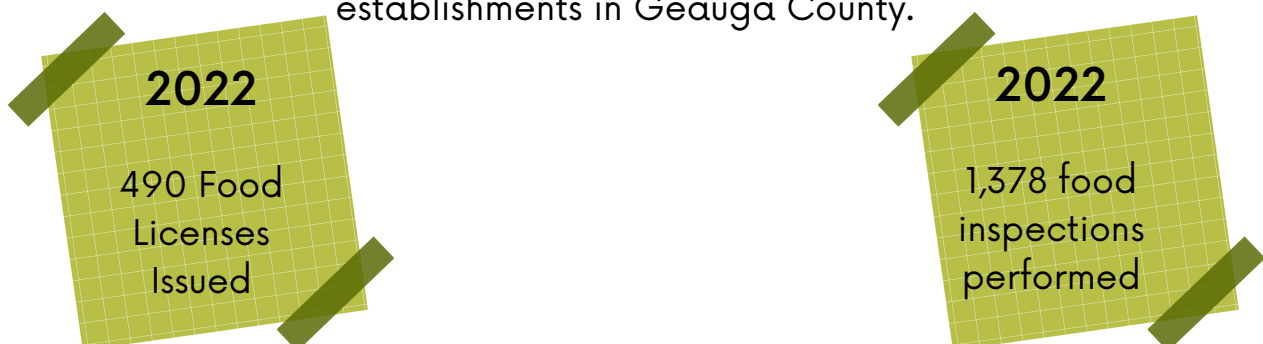
In 2022, The Geauga Public Health Board of Health ended the long running For Sale of Property program (FSOP). In place for over twenty years, it required all household sewage treatment system to be evaluated when the property was sold. All properties sold or transferred before July 1, 2022 still need to have a Geauga Public Health evaluation to ensure that the system is not creating a public health nuisance.

As the for sale of property program ends, the Ohio Department of Health required Operation and Maintenance program will begin in 2023. This program is an unfunded mandate to track and ensure that all household sewage treatment systems are being properly maintained. Maintenance depends on what type of system a house has, but can be as little as routine pumping of a septic tank.



Geauga Public Health Registered Environment Health Specialists (REHs) are the first line of defense against foodborne illnesses, by inspecting food vendors (Food Service Operations, Food Vending Machines, Mobile Food Operations, and Food Establishments). During an inspection, the Sanitarians look for any health code violations or improper handling of food.

They are also responsible for licensing the all of the food service operations and food establishments in Geauga County.

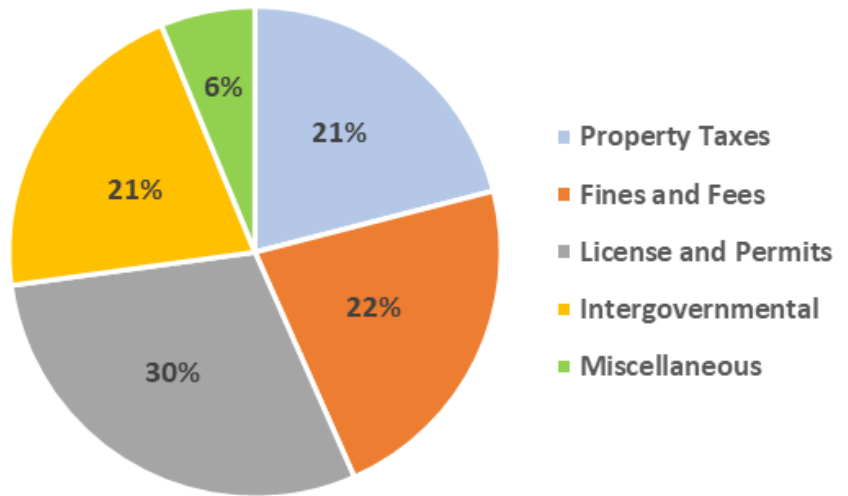


FINANCIAL REPORT

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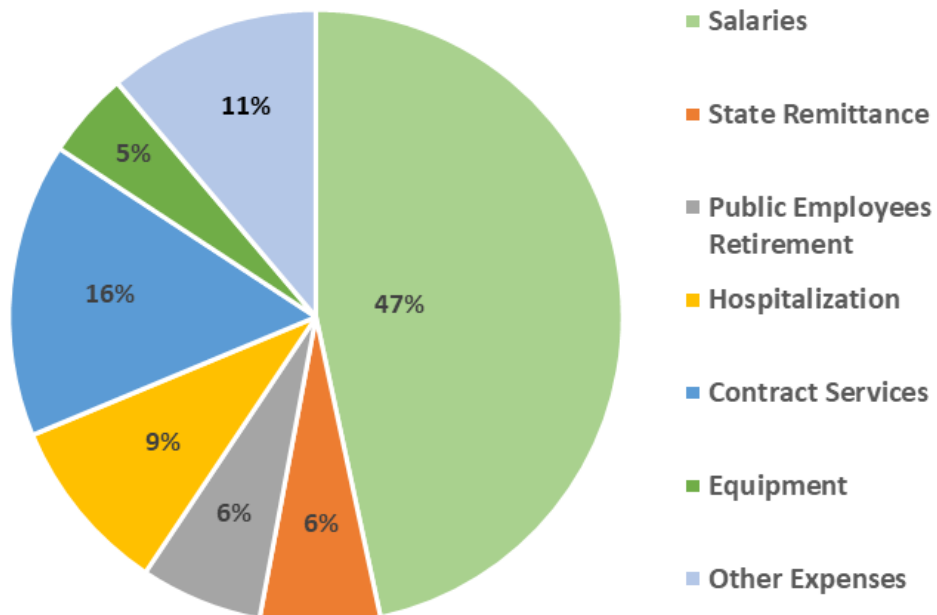
- Property Taxes: \$576,692.13
- Fines and Fees: \$615,468.60
- Licenses and Permits: \$809,234.20
- Intergovernmental: \$575,273.25
- Miscellaneous: \$170,877.66
- Total: \$2,747,545.84



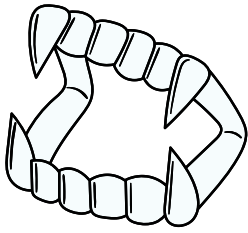
Expenses

- Salaries: \$1,205,289.29
- State Remittance: \$163,788.62
- Public Employees Retirement: \$166,119.07
- Hospitalization: \$241,720.38
- Contract Services: \$401,157.77
- Equipment: \$117,735.16
- Other Expenses: \$289,650.52
- Total: \$2,585,460.81

Expense



Note: Advertising and Printing (\$2,552.93), County and State Tax Expense (\$9,355.81), Medicare (\$17,129.47), Unemployment (\$11,906.62); Legal Fees (\$4,340.97) and Refunds (\$8,780.00) Supplies (\$25,636.11) and Travel and Expenses (\$21,574.71) Total \$101,276.62. These were all below 1% of the total 2022 Expenses (\$2,632,671.63) and thus not included in the chart.



101 Animal Bites Reported



Vital Statistics Issued:
2,507 Birth Certificates
4,726 Death Certificates



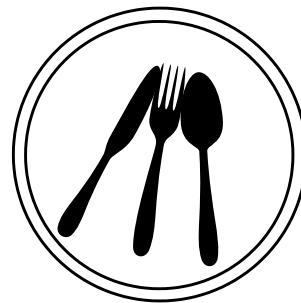
281 Naloxone Kits
Distributed



445 Sewage Permits
Issued



1,720 Vaccines
Administered



490 Food Licenses Issued



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